

REGULATORS' FORUM ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sheraton Hotel, Columbia, MD USA

- 9:00 AM **Opening Remarks**
Mary Saunders, Chief, Standards Services Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- 9:15 AM **Accreditation, the ILAC MRA, and its Potential Benefits to Regulators**
Tony Russell, Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) Council Chair
- 10:15 AM **Break**
- 10:30 AM **Use of Standards in Legislation/Regulation**
Olwen Huxley, Professional Staff Member, U.S. House Representatives Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards of the Science Committee
- 11:00 AM **Overview of the U.S. Government's Guidance on Conformity Assessment**
Maureen Breitenberg, Senior Economist, NIST
- 11:30 AM **Q&A Session**
- 12:00 PM Lunch (*on your own*)
- 1:00 PM **Improving Dialogue Between Regulators and National Measurement Institutes**
Fiona Redgrave, Senior Project Manager, International Office, National Physical Laboratory
- 1:40 PM **Regulator's Use of Accreditation and the ILAC MRA**
Ian MacAlister, Manager, Radiocommunications Standards, Australian Communications Authority
- 2:10 PM **Issues Regarding the Use of the ILAC MRA**
Jim Raba, Senior Technology Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy
- 2:40 PM **Considerations on the Use of Accreditation**

Mike Olson, Director, Division of Field Science, Office of Regional Operations, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

- 3:10 PM Break
- 3:25 PM **The International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM, Comité International des Poids et Mesures) MRA in support of Global Trade and the ILAC MRA**
Andrew Wallard, Director, International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM, Bureau International des Poids et Mesures)
- 3:55 PM **The Use of the ILAC MRA to meet Industry Needs**
David Ling, Regulatory Policy Manager, Worldwide Technical Regulations, HP
- 4:25 PM **Q&A Session**
- 4:55 PM **Closing Remarks**
Llew Richards, Convener, International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Working Group on Regulatory Interface
- 5:10 PM **Close**